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Application Number 09/782,639

Filing Date February 13, 2001

First Named Inventor: Bensur

Art Unit: 1772

Examiner Name: Michael Miggins

Confirmation No.: 2775

Attorney Docket No. 31599/200998

This is a request for <u>Continued Examination (RCE)</u> under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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	2.	Misc	<u>ellaneous</u>
		iv	7. Other
		ii	i. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
		ii	. Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
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		ii	. Other
		i.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
		a. [Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked

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a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$770.00 large entity; \$385.00 small entity)

ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other

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> **AMENDMENT** 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.